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1. REPORT TO MOSCOW ON OFFICIAL AMERICAN TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FIGHTERS.
2. BELL'S VISIT TO THE U.S.S.R.

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No.: 1151

12 August 1944

To VICTOR.

At the end of July the Army and Navy distributed to aircraft firms of the COUNTRY [STRANA][i] new technical specifications on the construction of fighters having the air unit [USTANOVKA VOZDUKHA][a].

Specifications: speed 550 miles one end.[b] On returning a reserve [C% of fuel] must be kept for half-an-hour's flight. The total supply [C% of fuel] is 5,000 pounds. The total weight of the aircraft is not above 12,000 pounds. A fighter of this type will be known as "a fighter of the 600 miles per hour class".

No. 638.

At one time we suggested, ^{THROUGH THE HOUSE [DOM] THAT SANCTIONS SHOULD BE} giving sanction to BELL [ii] through the HOUSE [DOM] [c] [iii] for a journey to the U.S.S.R. Permission has now been received through the STORE [MAGAZIN] [iv]. It is planned that together with BELL the journey should be made by a whole group of people [C% consisting entirely] with the exception of one person

[4 groups unrecovered]

[38 groups unrecoverable]

PLURD[v] chief engineer of the firm.

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Your no. 3608[d]. SIMON is not known to us.

MAY [MAJ][vi]

T.N.: [a] "The air unit" is a literal translation. It is known that this term is used to describe a jet engine.

[b] SKOROST' 550 MIL' ODIN KONETs. The meaning of this sentence is obscure.

[c] The word order in the Russian text shows that the phrase "through the HOUSE" is stressed.

[d] Not available.

Comments: [i] STRANA: the USA.

[ii] Presumably Lawrence Dale BELL, of Bell Aircraft Corporation.

[iii] DOM: apparently a Soviet installation, possibly in MOSCOW.

[iv] MAGAZIN: the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission in the United States of America.

[v] Probably William Alfred PLOURDE, an engineer who was Director of Contracts at Bell Aircraft Corporation, BUFFALO, N.Y., in 1944. PLOURDE resigned his position with Bell Aircraft on 20th January 1945. It is known that while he was still with the Corporation he had contact with Russian officials who were known to be MGB agents.

[vi] MAJ: Pavel Ivanovich FEDOSIMOV.

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